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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
PRESS RELEASE**

**COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
DELORES McNEELY TO SEDC BOARD**

The San Diego City Council has approved Mayor Jerry Sanders' appointment of Delores McNeely to the Southeastern Economic Development Corp. board of directors.

McNeely is a Union Bank of California senior vice president, managing the bank's statewide Company Benefits Banking Department. Throughout her 36-year tenure at the bank, she has served in various regional manager assignments throughout California and also worked in the bank's Corporate Training and Development Department.

McNeely has served on a number of local boards, including the Urban Financial Services Coalition-San Diego Chapter, Lyceum Theater, Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation, San Diego Economic Development Task Force, Center for Community Solutions, San Diego Historical Resources Board, San Diego Police Foundation and The Links Inc. She is the recipient of the YWCA's Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) Award, Catfish Club's Salute to Pioneering Women Award and a Humanitarian of the Year Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice.

"Delores not only brings extensive banking insight to the board, but she also has shown she's community-minded and dedicated to improving San Diegans' quality of life," Sanders said. "We're grateful for her willingness to serve the city."

McNeely studied business at San Diego State University and the University of Colorado at Boulder Graduate School of Human Resources. She is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington's Graduate School of Business.

McNeely will replace Sharon Whitehurst-Payne, whose term has expired. McNeely's term expires May 25, 2009.

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